

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, SR., PRESIDENT PRESIDING

Monday, February 3, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 3, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by John M. M. Caldwell, Sr., Board President.

James Albert Riley, the DeSoto County Sheriff was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. "Sluggo" Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of January, 1997. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisor's for January, 1997, as presented this date pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The vote was unanimous. The **motion passed.**

D. NORTH DELTA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - BID OPENING FOR NESBIT WATER ASSOC. CDBG GRANT

Fred Roberts of the Nesbit Water Association and Chris Wilson of North Delta Planning and Development appeared before the Board of Supervisors concerning the bid opening for the Nesbit Water Association CDBG Grant. Two proposals were received for the engineering work on the project. One was from Russell & Company, and the other from Edward P. Davis.

No bids were received for the legal work on the project.

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Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the bid under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Later in the meeting Fred Roberts and Chris Wilson came back to the Board of Supervisors concerning the bid proposals. Chris Wilson explained that the bids had been reviewed by him and Mr. Roberts. Mr. Wilson told the Board of Supervisors that he had not swayed Mr. Roberts or recommended one firm over the other, and that based on qualifications, experience and capacity, Mr. Roberts felt that Edward P. Davis would best serve the engineering duties for this project.

Mr. Wilson explained that since no proposals were received for the legal work associated with this project, North Delta Planning & Development will accept proposals from any attorney, but the attorney will have to submit a proposal in writing.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like the County Administrator and the Board Attorney to review the proposals to assure compliance with state laws. The other members of the Board agreed.

E. TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Economic Council, Larry Lynch and Chris Lynch of American Fabricating, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request an ad valorem tax exemption. Larry Lynch explained the nature of business at American Fabricating, that there are 60 employees in the business, and the productivity and profits were up in 1996. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why only five percent of their employees are from DeSoto County. Chris Lynch said that is because when they relocated the business to DeSoto County, they brought most of their employees with them. Chris Lynch told the Board of Supervisors that they are recruiting employees from Marshall and DeSoto County now, partially through Northwest Community College.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the ad valorem tax exemption for American Fabricating. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.1.**

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Economic Council later explained to the Board of Supervisors that several years ago the State Legislature changed ad valorem exemption restrictions from ten years to five years and gave the Board of Supervisors the authority to extend the exemption period for five more years if the companies met their plans for growth and improvements. Some discussion was held concerning the companies listed on Exhibit E.2.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the ad valorem tax exemptions as recommended by Jim Flanagan. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.2.**

F. NESBIT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Homer Taylor, Lamar Manning, and Dewitt May appeared before the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Taylor explained to the

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Board that almost 20 years ago the County loaned money to the Fire Department and took title to the land where Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department is located. Through an oversight, the land was never titled back to the Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department when the loan was repaid approximately four years later. Mr. Taylor presented proof that the loan has been repaid in full and asked the Board of Supervisors to authorize deeding this land back to the Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Lamar Manning confirmed that the loan was made and paid back, as he was an active member at that time. Mr. Manning said that the County has paid the insurance on the property during their time of possession.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to take the matter under advisement to see how it affects the other stations until Wednesday, February 5, 1997. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

G. JIM FLANAGAN - DESOTO COUNCIL MARKETING PLAN

Jim Flanagan of the DeSoto Economic Council and Melvin Walker Chairman of the DeSoto Economic Council presented a list of planned marketing initiatives to the Board of Supervisors designed to promote growth in DeSoto County. Melvin Walker explained that last year the Council redirected efforts to market DeSoto County. Jim Flanagan explained that the steps to initiate these marketing proposals include the following:

1. A new logo identity package
2. An updated industrial prospect package
3. An Internet world wide web site
4. A retail trade demographics guide
5. An industrial park/sites identity brochure using Younger Associates
6. A study to assess the DeSoto County labor market by The Wadley-Donovan Group, Ltd.

According to Mr. Flanagan, total estimates to implement these measures are \$63,000.00. The DeSoto Economic Council is requesting \$30,000.00 from the County. They will ask the State for \$30,000.00 of matching funds, and the remaining \$3,000.00 will be achieved from other sources.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the Board approved this, could the authorization be contingent on getting \$30,000.00 from the State. Jim Flanagan said yes. Supervisor Medlin said that the Board should consider long range plans before voting on this matter.

Supervisor Eugene Thach explained that if this request is approved the money would have to come from the County's Contingency Fund and because unemployment is down to three percent, he questions whether this is an emergency. Supervisor Thach said he would like to stay within the budget and asked if this request could wait until the next budget. Jim Flanagan said he understands but feels DeSoto County has a window of opportunity, and that prospect activity has increased twofold. Supervisor Thach asked if money had been set aside for this effort.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if this request was worth raising taxes to have it granted. Jim Flanagan said the industrial and economic base determines much of the growth and tax dollars in DeSoto County.

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he feels this is an investment in taxes and he feels that support of this effort will help DeSoto County as a whole. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he agrees if the county can afford the investment.

Jim Flanagan said if the request is approved by the Board of Supervisors, he would submit a request for matching funds to the state and follow other steps to make this a reality. Mr. Flanagan estimates the process will not be complete until September or October.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he would like the County Administrator to look at taxes and report back on tax revenues. Supervisor James Pearson agreed. County Administrator Clovis Reed and Comptroller Dale Thompson felt it may be too early to determine that as most taxes come in during January and February. The County Administrator agreed to review the funds and report back to the Board on Wednesday, February 5, 1997. Supervisor John Caldwell asked and Jim Flanagan and Melvin Walker agreed that there would be no problem with holding this item over until Wednesday, February 5, 1997. **See Exhibit G.**

H. GLEN WILLIAMS - VISION, DENTAL, LIFE, AND HEALTH COVERAGE WITH ANNUAL PHYSICALS

Glen Williams, owner of Delta Benefits Consultants, presented a list of insurance issues to the Board of Supervisors as indicated by **Exhibit H.**

1. Annual physicals for employees - Glen Williams says MAS recommends covering charges associated with exams and procedures performed *in the doctors' office* up to \$300.00. Mr. Williams explained the cost allowance could be \$500.00 or more, but costs associated with adding this to the package will increase accordingly as this fund is sure to be used by most employees.
2. Probationary period for new hires - Glen Williams recommends a probationary period for new hires. Mr. Williams says that 98% of corporations require a probationary period of 30 days. However, if new employees do not cause a problem, this option should not be implemented. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the pre-existing restriction should take care of this if there is a problem.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if insurance coverage was implemented on the first work day or the hire date. Glen Williams said insurance coverage starts on the date of employment. Ginger Allison, personnel clerk explained that when an employee is hired on September 25, insurance coverage has to be paid for the entire month of September, and this has happened several times.

Margaret Stevens, Director of Personnel, said she and the Board Attorney have discussed recommending physicals for safety sensitive jobs.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he feels requiring a probationary period for insurance coverage will deter good employees from working in DeSoto County.

3. Dental Insurance - Glen Williams reported that Accordia has agreed to leave premiums the same for the next year. Mr. Williams presented the option and projections associated with converting to a self funded program and the savings associated with that option. **See Exhibit H.3.**

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4. Life Insurance - Glen Williams explained that our present insurance rate for life

insurance is .31 cents per thousand with Shannendoah Life. Accordia will provide the matching \$10,000.00 coverage for group life at .29 cents per thousand. In addition, Accordia will provide \$15,000.00 in coverage for \$4.35.

5. Vision Insurance - Two options for vision insurance were discussed as evidenced by Exhibit H.5. Glen Williams explained the options and said the this coverage could not be offered on a optional basis. Supervisor John Caldwell said the cost of glasses is not much more than the premium. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there is an optional program. Glen Williams said no. **See Exhibit H.5.**

The Board of Supervisors asked Ginger Allison, Payroll and Insurance Clerk, for her recommendations concerning these insurance options. Ms. Allison recommended to the Board of Supervisors to approve offering annual physicals up to \$300.00; to leave coverage date as is, with no implementation of a probationary period; to approve changing dental insurance to a self funded program; to change life insurance companies and to increase the coverage amount to \$15,000.00 with an increased premium to \$4.35; and not to implement the vision coverage. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of Ginger Allison as indicated above. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

I. DALE THOMPSON - FEBRUARY COUNTY BILLS AND APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES TO ATTEND CRIME SCENE EVIDENCE COLLECTION WORKSHOP

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, presented the claims docket showing each department's standing as of January 31, 1996, for disposition. The items on the docket were discussed at length. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested that in the future the County go out for bids for boots and that uniforms should be standard for all county employees. Supervisor James Pearson asked about laws requiring getting two bids on purchases. County Administrator Clovis Reed said state law does not require getting two bids for purchases less than \$500.00. The Recreational District Bond was discussed, with the Board directing the County Administrator to make sure the bonds are not duplicated. County Administrator Clovis Reed reported personal airline tickets totaling \$170.00 had been charged to the County in error and he will reimburse the county for these charges.

Dale Thompson also presented a bill from the State Auditor's Office in the amount of \$314.18, in connection with costs associated with the county audit. **See Exhibit I, Page 1.**

The Comptroller also presented a request from Joe Holmes to attend a Crime Scene Evidence Collection Workshop at a cost of \$135.00. **See Exhibit I, Page 2.**

Ms. Thompson presented a bill from Taylor Made Ambulances for work done on an ambulance that was wrecked by Olive Branch EMS totaling \$58,363.06, and explained that Taylor Made Ambulances has requested payment today. The Comptroller explained that the amount over \$25,000 will be reimbursed by the insurance company, but that premiums are likely to increase due to this claim. The Comptroller also said that there will be an additional cost associated with this accident of \$10,000.00 to repair the pole that was hit. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked where the ambulance is, and the Comptroller said Olive Branch EMS has the ambulance. **See Exhibit I, Page 4.**

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In addition, Dale Thompson presented a bill from Constable Joe Holmes for \$125.00 for serving papers for a switched tag. This amount represents the agreed upon one half

of the penalty. **See Exhibit I, Page 5.**

In conclusion, the Comptroller presented the monthly allowances for the Chancery Clerk totaling \$1,856.66 and from the Circuit Court Clerks totaling \$2,956.00 with an additional \$1,237.00 for the Youth Court Division. **See Exhibit I, Page 6 - 8.**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the county bills and additions as presented by the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, with the exception of the Recreational District Bond, and with the exception of the request from Joe Holmes to attend the Crime Scene Evidence Collection Workshop as this should come from the constable budget, and with the exception of the \$170.00 to be reimbursed by the County Administrator. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Other Business from the Comptroller

1. Meal Allowance

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson notified the Board of Supervisors that the State has increased the meal allowance to \$30.00 per day effective from February to June 30, 1997. As always individual meal allowances will be determined by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell said the details of these matters should be available in a handbook.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the increase in meal allowance to \$30.00 per day. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. Budget Amendment Request by the Road Manager

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson forwarded to the Board of Supervisors a request from the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, to approve the following budget amendment request from Fund No. 156-300

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540	To Repairs to Bldg & Grounds	\$ 4,000.00	
541	From Repair to Rd Maint Equip		\$ 4,000.00
632	To Asphalt/Hot Mix	20,000.00	
633	To Concrete	2,000.00	
643	To Hwy. Seed, Fertilizer	7,000.00	
631	From Road Gravel		29,000.00

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit I., Page 9.**

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointments

Supervisor Jessie Medlin reported to the other Board members that Harold Nichols has agreed to continue serving on the Tax Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded **Item J.1,Continued,**

the motion to appoint Harold Nichols, the Tax Collector, the Tax Assessor, the Chancery Clerk, the County Administrator, the past president of the DeSoto Council, the president of the DeSoto Council, and the vice president of the DeSoto Council to

the Tax Advisory Committee for a term of one year. **See Exhibit J.1.** The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

2. Bids Under Advisement - County Depository

County Administrator Clovis Reed explained banking options for the county depository and said that the bankers have agreed to formulate a standard way to allow banks to bid on banking services. Clovis Reed recommends keeping the current rotation this year to allow time for a depositor bid sheet to be formulated and moving to that procedure next year. The Bank of Mississippi is up in the rotation, however, their interest rate is not as high and is not guaranteed as was Deposit Guaranty's last year. The County Administrator verified with Alan Sim's of Deposit Guaranty that they will not guarantee the interest rate for the coming year.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Bank of Mississippi as the county depository and to authorize the formation of a banking committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit J.2.**

3. Bids Under Advisement - Triple Combination Pumper

Frank Treadway, DeSoto County Coordinator, Fire Chiefs Association and Larry Linville, Olive Branch Fire Chief, appeared before the Board of Supervisors concerning the bids under advisement for the triple combination pumper. Mr. Treadway and Mr. Linville recommended to the Board of Supervisors to accept the bid from Sunbelt as they will be able to deliver faster and because of the noted exceptions on the bid from Smeal Fire Apparatus. The Board Attorney, William Austin, said he felt the exceptions made by Smeal are substantial, especially regarding the insurance requirement. The Board asked if Lewisburg is ready to make this purchase as the County will not be paying for this purchase. The County Administrator, Clovis Reed explained that the Board needs financial assurances that funding for this purchase is in place. Mr. Treadway and Mr. Linville presented a letter from the State Fire Coordinator explaining the state's position on this matter, and told the Board money is in the bank for a portion of the purchase and that a loan has been verbally approved from the Bank of Mississippi.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the bid for the triple action pumper from Sunbelt in the amount of \$206,502.00, based on the County receiving statements from the State, Lewisburg, and the bank. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit J.3.**

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4. Bids Under Advisement - High Density Mobile Storage Unit

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the low bid as recommended by Kraeger Systems

in the amount of \$10,963.14 for a high density mobile file system for use in the Chancery Clerk’s office. **See Exhibit J.4.** The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorizing Travel for all Officials and Employees

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of February 3, 1997, to March 3, 1997, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to authorize travel for all officials and employees of DeSoto County for the period of February 3, 1997, to March 3, 1997. Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

2. Justice Court Report

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, did meet with the Board of Supervisors and presented the Justice Court Report for the month of January, 1997, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Justice Court Report for the month of January, 1997. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----Absent
Supervisor John Caldwell-----Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----Yes

The **motion passed. SEE EXHIBIT K.2.**

3. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor James Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the **Item K.3., Continued,**

amount of \$160.00 for the month of January, 1997; to pay Jerry Easley the amount of \$240.00 for the month of January, 1997; to pay Tommy Carr the amount of \$240.00 for the month of January, 1997, for their service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT K.3.**

4. Authorization to Advertise for Fire Truck - Eudora

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to advertise for a rescue pumper with attack for the Eudora Fire Department. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. Approval to Obtain Easements at Corner of Highway 305 and College Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said all except one easement has been given at the corner of Highway 305 and College Road. Supervisor Medlin explained that this is the worst corner. The owners will not give the easements. Supervisor Medlin also explained that the State has offered to do the work when the easements are secured. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to condemn the southeast corner of College Road and Highway 305. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

6. Approval of Interlocal Agreement With Olive Branch for Work on Stateline Road

This item was held over .

7. Approval of Appraisal Fees for Property Located on Stateline Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to pay the appraisal fees for donated property on Stateline Road and for property on County Line Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.7.**

8. Report From committee to Review Phillips Road

This item was held over.

9. Receipt of Approval of Grant for Walls Library Services Construction

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the library grant from the U. S. Department of Education's Office of Library Programs in the amount of \$102,969.00 to be used to construct a new library facility in Walls. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.9.**

10. Accept Donation of Property From Hal Crenshaw for Walls Library and Health Department

County Administrator Clovis Reed presented a letter he had received from Hal Crenshaw notifying him that he will sign the deed for this gift whenever the
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Board Attorney prepares the deed and the County is prepared to accept the donation. The letter also requests that the facility be named in honor of District 3 Supervisor, James "Jake" Pearson.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take the letter under advisement. The **motion passed** by a

unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.10.**

11. Approval of Assurance of Compliance for Federal Flood Control Act Funds

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed presented a letter from the State Treasury Department concerning a payment of \$21,145.89, available to DeSoto County in connection with the Federal Flood Control Act. The letter explained that an Assurance of Compliance be completed to the Mississippi State Treasury. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Board President to sign the Assurance of Compliance as instructed in the letter. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.11.**

12. Order Making Fully Executed Contract With Wells Construction for Work on Justice court Building a Part of the Minutes, Appointing Supervisor of the Project, and Appointing Two Board of Supervisors to Inspection Committee

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to execute the contract with Wells Construction for work on the Justice Court Building; to appoint as project supervisor, Ed Spencer, Director of Operations and Maintenance; and to appoint Supervisor John Caldwell and Supervisor Eugene Thach as the inspection committee for the project. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	No
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----	Yes
Supervisor James D. Pearson-----	Yes
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	Yes
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----	No

13. Authorizing Replacement of Heating Unit at Maxwell Building

Supervisor Jessie Medlin explained that the heating unit went out over three weeks ago in the Maxwell building, and Ed Spencer, Director of Operation and Maintenance got quotes to replace the system. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked why natural gas was not used as a heat source as it is a less expensive alternative. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to take the matter under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit K.13.**

14. Cafeteria Plan Proposal From Liberty National Life Insurance Company

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, explained to the Board of Supervisors that Liberty National Life Insurance Company wants to be added to the cafeteria plan. Mr. Reed reminded the Board that on March 18, 1996, the Board had voted down their proposal. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to reject the proposal from Liberty National Life Insurance Company. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

K. CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

15. Monthly Road Report and Work Schedule

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Department Monthly Road Report for the Month of January, 1997, and Work Schedule for the month of February, 1997, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to accept the Road Report for January, 1997, and Work Schedule for February, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT K.15.**

16. Authorization to Advertise for Remanufactured Caterpillar Engine or Equivalent

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn requested from the Board of Supervisors authorization to advertise for a remanufactured Caterpillar engine or equivalent to use in a dump truck owned by the county. Mr. Gunn explained that the remanufactured engines are warranted. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize advertising for a remanufactured engine for the Road Manager to confer with the Board Attorney to assure compliance. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

17. Adopt Four Year Road Plan

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn presented a working copy of the Four Year Road Plan. The proposal was reviewed and the road projects were discussed including funding strategies for these projects, I. E., State Aid, Federal Aid, bond money, etc. Some individual road plans were modified. Roads already allocated under the bond were identified and are indicated on Exhibit K.17.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to take the Four Year Road Plan under advisement until Wednesday. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

M. OTHER ISSUES

1. Beeper or Central Maintenance

Kenny Gunn, the Road Manager, asked the Board to consider approving Central Maintenance foremen to have beepers. The Board said they had no objection to this request, but instructed to Road Manager to make the decision and handle the matter out of his budget.

2. Bid Opening

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator and/or the Road Manager to open bids on Thursday, February 6, 1997. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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3. Purchase of Right of Ways

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the Board of Supervisors for approval to approach the appropriate parties to buy two right of ways on Stateline Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion approach the appropriate parties to buy two right of ways on Stateline Road with the County paying one half and Olive Branch paying the other half. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Request to Use County Facilities for the A'Fair

Supervisor Tommy Lewis notified the Board that he has been approached by organizers of the A'Fair who requested the use of the courthouse restrooms for the A'Fair. The organizers have agreed to hire maintenance workers to maintain the facilities that day. They also have requested use of the parking lot at the McIngvale building. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the use of the courthouse and the McIngvale building parking lot as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

5. Homestead Exemptions

Chancery Clerk W.E. Davis presented petitions to modify homestead exemptions. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to approve the homestead petitions as requested. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit M.5**

6. Nursing Home

Supervisor John Caldwell notified the Board that the parties interested in purchasing the Southaven Nursing Home facility have accepted the Board's counter-offer to purchase the facility.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor James Pearson seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at 9:00. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

THIS the 3rd day of February, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL,
President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors